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Brief comparison of SID and JANIS outlines.

General: The SID outline is very uneven, presenting great detail in some chapters and the barest headings in others. The JANIS outline is much better balanced, as it is a matured and well-tested outline that has had the benefit of numerous revisions over a period of four years. Published JANIS show the interpretation of outline heads whereas the treatment and extent of materials to be presented under many of the rather brief and general heads of the SID outline cannot well be predicted. In balance and general treatment, the JANIS outline is much closer than is the SID outline to [REDACTED]

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SID treats every country as a unit, whereas JANIS breaks the larger countries into 2 to 6 regional studies. Only in chapters 10 and 11 does the JANIS procedure introduce appreciable repetition; and the JANIS system permits the other chapters to be written in comparable degree of detail for large and small countries.

A. Topics included in JANIS but not in SID:

1. A Brief such as Chapter I of JANIS, summarizing the entire study, to provide a quick look at all the important aspects of the study.
2. Oceanography, covered by Chapter III of JANIS.
3. Gazetteer and Map Appraisal, chapter XIII of JANIS.

B. Topics included in SID but not in JANIS:

1. Foreign affairs (SID Chap. 3, Sec.V).
2. Scientific (SID Chap. 5). Includes radio and communications equipment included in JANIS; and much more detail than JANIS on physical, biological, and chemical war equipment. SID does not treat meteorological facilities which are included in JANIS Chapt. V.
3. Armed forces (SID Chap. 6). JANIS Chapt. on Defenses was discontinued at the request of I.D., W.D.G.S.
4. Dominions, colonies, mandates, protectorates, and communities abroad.

C. Topics outlined in much more detail in SID than in JANIS:

1. Organization, training, operational procedures, weapons, and historical background of army, navy, and air forces.
2. Subversive. SID devotes an entire chapter to this subject, whereas JANIS deals with the subject in less detail under "Political Factors."

D. Topics outlined in much more detail in JANIS than in SID:

The following 5 topics are chapters in JANIS, merely sections or subsections of chapters in SID.

1. Climate. SID includes no synthesization of "Practical Aspects" such as JANIS emphasizes.
2. Coasts and Landing Beaches. SID contains no detailed guide for contributors.
3. Ports, Shipping, and Navy. SID has very sketchy treatment of ports and naval bases; naval forces are treated in detail in SID Chapt. 6 Armed Forces.

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4. Settlements. SID has very sketchy treatment, with emphasis on settlements as military obstacles and sources of material; nothing on utilities.
5. Health and Sanitation. SID has no section on recommendations for health maintenance such as JANIS contains.

E. Some differences in treatment, aside from degree of detail:

1. In JANIS, one of the 13 chapters (8% of all) is devoted to People and Government. In the SID outline three of the eight chapters (37% of all) are devoted to People and Government, under the headings "Sociological", "Political", and "Subversive." From the viewpoint of planners, this would appear to be a disproportionate emphasis on this topic; the Joint War and Logistics Planners have stated that even JANIS devotes unnecessarily extensive space to People and Government.
2. The SID section on government evaluates factors such as political and civil rights and domestic affairs primarily as they affect government stability; while the JANIS section calls for a characterization and description of government without orientation towards a single element such as stability.
3. In the "Subversive" chapter, too, SID has a rather arbitrary and inflexible outline which it says is "for all countries except the United States". The only types of organizations it lists specifically are "Soviet and Communist", which are not the leading subversive organizations in all countries. Fascist organizations should certainly be given equal weight lest the outline run the danger of compromising objectivity.
4. Air facilities are treated by SID partly under "Armed Forces" and partly under "Transportation", JANIS deals with them all in an Aviation chapter, since civil and military facilities are to a great extent interchangeable.
5. SID outline of terrain (relief) is rather mechanistic and arbitrary; it is less flexible than JANIS.
6. SID section on soil lists the physical character of soil without any attempt to describe trafficability.
7. SID lists "Labor Force" details under "Civilian Manpower" rather than under "Labor".
8. SID Chapter IV. Economic is slanted more specifically toward the war economic potential whereas JANIS aims to present the whole economic picture.

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